

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-7, 10-11, 14-17.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 4, 8-9, 12-13 and 18-20 are canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the limitations of:

associating respective EFTPOS addresses of the plurality of EFTPOS terminals with respective non-payment addresses by one of the non-payment applications executing on a server of the EFTPOS terminal arrangement, and associating the EFTPOS addresses with respective payment addresses by one of the payment applications executing on the server, wherein the respective payment addresses are different from the respective non-payment addresses, as recited in independent claims 1,

Prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the limitations of

means for associating respective EFTPOS addresses of the EFTPOS terminals with respective non-payment addresses, and

means for associating the EFTPOS addresses with respective payment addresses, wherein the respective payment addresses are different from the respective non-payment addresses, as recited in independent claims 5,

Prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the limitations of

associating respective EFTPOS addresses of the plurality of EFTPOS terminals with respective non-payment addresses, and

associating the EFTPOS addresses with respective payment addresses, wherein the respective payment addresses are different from the respective non-payment addresses,

as recited in independent claims 7 and 11,

US 6,304,915 to Nguyen et al discloses a secure, electronic payment in exchange for goods and services purchased over a communication network, and more specifically, to a system, method and article of manufacture for securely transmitting payment information from a customer to a merchant to a payment gateway and returning a certification, including a credit confidence factor to allow a merchant to determine whether to accept or reject payment information utilizing a flexible, extensible architecture, a server communicates bidirectionally with a gateway over a first communication

link, over which all service requests are initiated by the server, merchant computer using TCP/IP, gateway payment, and Virtual Point of Sale (VPOS).

Japanese - PAT-NO: JP410011380A to KAWAMOTO discloses a POS managing file is retrieved, whole POS terminals where data of a pattern number are used as the set

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data of a parameter number are selected and the whole terminal ID numbers of the selected POS terminals are stored in a terminal ID number register 13b. Then, the terminal ID numbers stored in the terminal ID number register 13b are read from the leading one in order and converted into network addresses at every time so that line connection is requested to the POS terminal where the terminal ID number is assigned with a communication interface 15. Then, when the line is electrically connected, set data inside a DLL(down line loading) transmitting buffer 13a are transmitted and a DLL processing is executed.

NPL – None

Each of the prior art taken alone or in combination failed to teach or suggest the above features recited in independent claims 1, 5, 7 and 11.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

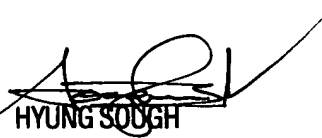
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harish T. Dass whose telephone number is 571-272-6793. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM to 4:50 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on 571-272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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